

# Numismatics International

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Dallas, Texas 75230

Fiftieth meeting of  
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL  
Wednesday, August 21, 1968, 7:30 P.M.  
Northwest National Bank - Community Room  
Walnut Hill Shopping Village  
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: "Canada and Something About Puffins"

SPEAKER: M. C. SMITH

## ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR:

### COINS

ALBANIA, Y8, VF	\$1.75 ea.
" Y33, VF	4.00 ea.
GREAT BRITAIN, Y56, 1/2 Sovereign, AU-UNC	12.75 ea.
" " Y57, 1 " "	16.75 ea.
LIBERIA, 10, 25 & 50¢ 1966, UNC	2.25 set
" Dollar 1966, UNC	2.50 ea.
NEW CALEDONIA, Y1-4, UNC	1.25 set
SERBIA, Y11, VF	3.25 ea.
" Y23, VF	1.25 ea.
" Y24, VF	2.00 ea.
YUGOSLAVIA, Y9, VF-XF	10.00 ea.

### BOOKS

	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Members Cost</u>
The Paduans: Medals by Giovanni Cavino	\$1.50	\$1.15
Ancient, Medieval, Modern Coins and How to Know Them - by G. B. Rawlings	10.00	7.75
Introduction to East Roman Coinage by J. F. Lhotka	4.00	3.80
Medieval Bracteates: An Empirical Guide - by J. F. Lhotka	2.00	1.90
Medieval Feudal French Coinage	1.50	1.40
Report of Committee to Research World Coinage Types and Varieties - by NI-GCTA Members, 126 pp.		2.00

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## CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Bert E. Orcutt  
1500 N. Kentucky Ave.  
Arlington, Va. 22205

Maxwell Studley  
(Correct Zip Code to  
read 96734 - An error  
in last month's Bulletin)



JULY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Membership applications #252-258 as published in the July Bulletin have been admitted to membership with the exception of #254.

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NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by September 1, 1968, their membership will become effective that date.

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| 259 | David A. Markgraf<br>8818 South 84th St.<br>Franklin, Wisconsin 53132                    | Umayyad Coins 70-131 AD.<br>Trades by mail.    |
| 260 | Donald W. Moody<br>CMR Box 1348<br>APO San Francisco 96235                               | Germany & British Colonies.<br>Trades by mail. |
| 261 | Mac Taylor<br>2801 E. Hubbard, Box 717<br>Mineral Wells, Texas 76067                     | 1932 Series and Crowns.<br>Trades by mail.     |
| 262 | Sam Banks<br>1803 Elm St.<br>Dallas, Texas 75201                                         | Dealer in World Coins.                         |
| 263 | Reinelt Otto<br>Am Tabor 2, A1020<br>Vienna 2, Austria                                   | Modern World Coins.<br>Trades by mail.         |
| 264 | Stephen Album<br>4133 Webster St.<br>Oakland, Calif. 94609                               | Islamic Coins 650-1850 AD.                     |
| 265 | Phairot Bencharit<br>Southeast Trading Co., Ltd.<br>Opposite G.P.O.<br>Bangkok, Thailand | Thai Ancient and Modern.                       |
| 266 | Lewis Sefton<br>35 George St.<br>Hamilton, Victoria 3300<br>Australia                    |                                                |
| 267 | John Hunter<br>R.F.D. #1<br>Hillsboro, N. H.. 03244                                      |                                                |
| 268 | Mrs. B. Rauch<br>P. O. Box 60321, Terminal Annex<br>Los Angeles, Calif. 90054            |                                                |



MEMBERSHIP CONTEST: Standings to date in the drive are as follows:

10 new members -- Patrick D. Hogan  
 6 " " -- Bob Tomlinson  
 5 " " -- Rex O. McGee  
 4 " " -- Bud Butterworth, Marvin Fraley, Jerry Remick  
 3 " " -- Matthew J. van der Voort  
 2 " " -- Robert L. Ballard, John K. Graves  
 1 " member -- Colin Bruce, Robert L. Clarke, Glenn Ritter,  
 Kenneth Robinson, John Vandigriff

Remember, the contest runs until the Christmas Dinner Meeting and you still have plenty of time to overtake front-leading Pat Hogan for the prize (1964 South Africa Proof Set). Write to Membership Chairman Jack E. Lewis if you need application blanks.

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ERNEST F. ELDREDGE: Our apologies to Ernest who was erroneously dropped from the membership rolls last May. Through an oversight, his 1968 dues did not get recorded properly and his name was dropped from the membership. Now that the error has been called to our attention, he has been reinstated to membership and retains his original membership #188. Ernest collects world types and trades by mail. His address: 1223 Cherokee Dr., Richardson, Texas 75080.

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ATTRIBUTION OF ISLAMIC AND MUSLIM INDIAN COINS: Prospective Member #264, Stephen Album, has informed us that he will be happy to attribute, FREE OF CHARGE, all Islamic and Muslim Indian coins for NI members. This includes all Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Central Asian, North African and Moorish Spanish issues. Stephen said also that he would be interested in purchasing or trading for any such items. Any members sending coins to Stephen for attribution are reminded to furnish return postage and also to get his permission before sending any large quantity. Any reasonable quantity may be sent without advance permission.

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NI ATTRIBUTION SERVICE: See special announcement included with this bulletin for details concerning an attribution service which has been inaugurated this month.

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DONATION TO CLUB TREASURY: Recently a \$10.00 donation was received from the Whitman Publishing Co. in appreciation of the work done by NI and GCTA members on the "Report of the Committee to Research World Coinage Types and Varieties". Many thanks to Whitman for the donation which was applied towards the cost of the project. There are still plenty of copies of the Report available and NI and GCTA both need the support of their membership in order to recover the cost of publishing this report. If you have not ordered your copy, do so today! The Report is being offered exclusively to NI and GCTA members, so the membership must support the undertaking if we are to consider the expense of such worthwhile projects as this in the future.

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EXTRA COINS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS: We disposed of about half the extras listed in last month's Bulletin but still have a total of \$32.90 on hand. The same discounts offered last month still apply until we can move all the above coins.

3 -- AFGHANISTAN Y50, 51, 52, 52a - Average Circulated	\$1.25 set
4 -- ALBANIA Y39-43, 1964, UNC	4.00 set
1 -- COLOMBIA Y61a, 63a, 64a, 65a, A65, 80, 1967, UNC	1.00 set
2 -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Y40, 50 Korun 1947, XF	1.50 ea.
1 -- GERMANY (West) Y120, 5 Mark 1966 Humboldt, UNC	2.35 ea.
1 -- MEXICO 25 Peso Olympic Comm., 1968, UNC	2.85 ea.
1 -- RWANDA Y1-3, UNC	1.25 set
2 -- UGANDA Y1-6, 1966, UNC	1.35 set.

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OUTSTANDING COIN ORDERS LISTED IN PAST BULLETINS:

May 1967 --- Australian Changeover Set in Vinyl Case

Nov. 1967 -- Chile (All issues offered)

Jan. 1968 -- Formosa Y19-20; Kenya Y1-6

Feb. 1968 -- Finland Y62; Philippines 1967 Set

Mar. 1968 -- Czechoslovakia Y75; Singapore Y6

Apr. 1968 -- Afghanistan Y6, 10, A10, 11, 32 & 34: Tonga (both sets)

May, June, July -- All items are still outstanding except Iceland 10 Kroner.

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"WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL" LISTINGS:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. &amp; ISSUE</u>	<u>TENTATIVE VALUE</u>
AUSTRIA:	Y119 25 Schilling Silver 1968, Lukas Von Hildebrandt Commemorative	\$2.00
	Y120 50 Schilling Silver 1968, Fiftieth Anniversary of the Republic Comm.	3.50
CZECHOSLOVAKIA:	Y77 10 Korun Silver 1968, National Theater Commemorative	2.50
EGYPT - UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC:	Y123 5 Piastres Copper-Nickel 1967	--
	Y124 10 Piastres Copper-Nickel 1967 (The above two issues are replacing the 1960 Silver issues, which have completely disappeared from circulation.)	--
SWITZERLAND:	Y30a 1/2 Franc Copper-Nickel 1968	.20
	Y31a 1 Franc Copper-Nickel 1968	.35
	Y32a 2 Francs Copper-Nickel 1968	.65

Excerpt From a Letter by John B. Tribble, M.D.

"Recently while browsing through a small math dictionary, I chanced upon the word solidus for /, the oblique stroke or slash which is used about as often as a horizontal bar for writing fractions, and this oblique stroke was said to be derived from an elongated letter S.

"I don't know how I lived so long without noticing the technical name for this common mark, but it was all news to me and it all fits in neatly with scattered bits of information, dimly remembered from various numismatic sources, to the effect that the British habit of writing values in pounds, shillings, and pence as £3 2/6 or 3 2s.6d. went back to medieval money of account which was based in turn on some surviving ancient Roman and Eastern Roman monetary values which were, of course, depreciating steadily from one great society to the next. The distinctive £ for pounds sterling came from Latin Libra and must have once meant an actual pound of silver -- perhaps you know what historical period this might have been so, but I don't know and I still irritate an occasional coin dealer by asking him if he knows. The shilling seems to have been sired by the solidus, a Byzantine gold coin which came to be commonly called a bezant (and in heraldry some coats-of-arms show a small golden circle, or several - this "Roundel Or" was usually blazoned as a Bezant). Apparently, the S abbreviation for the solidus coin elongated somewhere along the line into the shilling's abbreviation mark of / which is still called a solidus. The silver Roman denarius was ancestral to the silver penny and ultimately to bronze and copper pennies which, despite their debased metal and new names beginning with another letter, continued to use d. for their abbreviation. Of course, the name denarius was also memorialized in a variety of other languages as dinar, denier, etc. for more recent coins in countries chiefly about the Mediterranean. Medieval money of account reckoned the solidus as twelve denarii just as later Britons figured twelve pence to the shilling.

"Probably you're way ahead of me on all these historical continuities, but having even a little light on what seemed at first glance to be an irrational kind of notation gives me some satisfaction akin to solving a cryptogram.

"Whether having all this intelligence out in the open is really good for the British Empire would be hard to say. A combination of things put the Empire into something of a bind: socialists in government, the exhausting wars of this century, upstart colonials, the development by others of their own irrational mysteries and solidarities, and perhaps a weakening in the homeland of stern old rules of primogeniture. Apparently, the latter rules used to result in kicking out younger sons without adequate sinecures of estate or military or churchly rank, and this protected the estates from being reduced to numerous extremely small holdings, but reduced the youngsters to sallying forth in search of a living somewhere, not uncommonly by organizing "the lesser breeds" in some remote corner of the globe, which would in the fullness of time, somehow fit into the imperial mold. Some claim that this latter phase of incorporation into empire was as often by chance as by design.

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Excerpt From a Letter by John B. Tribble, M.D. (Cont'd):

But, to philosophize still more grandly, perhaps one of the reasons the Britishers in their heyday were so formidable globally was the impact of all those clung-to values of the past, those agglutinated relics of once obvious and commonplace transactions whose more than half-forgotten origins invested them with a kind of mystery and glamour. A people who could reckon in farthings, pence, groats, shillings or bob, florins, half-crowns, dollars, crowns, angels, sovereigns or pounds-sterling or quid, and in guineas, not to mention symbols of medieval money of account with roots in Byzantine and ancient Roman history! Such people had to be somewhat baffling to their competitors in less favored lands. But now it would seem that the decimal system is reducing all to a common mold."

I am, yours sincerely,

/ John Bowles Tribble /

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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING:

Plans have been finalized for the Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting. Program Chairman Edward E. Slade, Jr. offers the following data:

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, December 18th, 7:30 P.M.

RESTAURANT: La Tunisia Restaurant  
200 Exchange Park North  
Dallas, Texas

MENU: POULET SAUTE a la ILKABAHAR  
(Broiled half chicken in a delicate supreme sauce  
with mushrooms and ham. Served with rice and  
buttered sugar peas.)  
La Tunisia Special Salad  
Strawberry Ice Cream  
Coffee or Tea

PROGRAM: Installation of 1969 Officers and a speaker to be  
announced in a later bulletin.

COST: \$5.00 per person.

It's not too early to start making your plans to attend, so mail  
your check and reservation today to:

Edward E. Slade, Jr.  
5556 Emerson  
Dallas, Texas 75209



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NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL ATTRIBUTION SERVICE:

It has been decided by the Board of Governors to inaugurate an "Attribution Service" to members of the organization. This service will be offered FREE to all members. All is asked is that you follow a few simple rules as outlined below.

POSTAGE: The cost of mailing must be borne by the owner of the coins sent for attribution. Enclose with each packet stamps or cash to cover the cost of returning the coins to you. All coins will be returned in the same manner as they were received, i.e. if received insured, they will be returned insured. Please note the amount of insurance you desire on the parcel.

LIMIT: Do not send over 6 coins in one parcel without prior permission. The attribution will be done in the spare time of members working with the Attribution Service Chairman, Bob Tomlinson.

CONDITION: Do not send any coins that are so heavily worn that there is no possible way to identify them. All coins sent should have at least 50% of the legends readable, if less than that, don't send!

AUTHENTICATION: The Attribution Service will not attempt to rule on whether the coin is genuine or counterfeit. The service will only try to establish an identity of the coin for you.

RESPONSIBILITY: NI will assume no responsibility for coins mailed. If you consider your coins valuable enough to be insured, they should be sent insured. Therefore, if the parcel should be lost in the mail, you can recover your loss.

PERIOD OF RETENTION: Please allow a maximum of four weeks for your coins to be returned.

We all have a box of "unidentifieds" stored away to work on some rainy day, so dig them out and send to Bob for his committee to work on. We don't guarantee 100% in identification but we will give it our best effort as it is embarrassing to admit you have been stumped.

Send all coins for attribution to: Bob Tomlinson  
7031 Westlake  
Dallas, Texas 75214

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THE PROCESSING OF CLUB COIN AND BOOK ORDERS:

1. The club carries no inventory of coins or books.
2. Orders for items offered each month are accumulated and placed on order about two weeks after the meeting each month. Depending on the source, it can sometime take a period of days to months to receive the orders as some come from overseas via sea-mail. Some are advance ordered directly from foreign mints and banks. These type orders normally tend to take a longer period for delivery.
3. No extras are ordered except in cases where we must deal with minimum quantities and the total number of orders received are slightly short of the minimum acceptable quantity. Therefore, do not depend on delaying your order for a particular item with the thought that you can get it later from the extra list published in the bulletin each month.
4. A list of outstanding orders is published in the bulletin each month. If you have not received a particular item you ordered, check this outstanding order list to see if it has come in.
5. Please make sure that your order is mailed in time to reach us by the deadline date for orders each month.
6. Postage: Since about 50% of the coins ordered by members are delivered directly at the meetings, mailing costs are not considered when figuring the members cost of each coin or set of coins offered. Therefore, all items are priced f.o.b. Dallas and the members receiving their coins by mail are charged the exact amount of postage required to mail their package.
7. The mailing of members orders is done only once each month. We find this the easiest method as it eliminates extra work of sometimes mailing several small packages to the same member during a month's period. It also saves you postage.
8. In the event an item becomes unobtainable after it has been offered, credit will be placed on your account. This credit will be refunded upon request.

It is hoped that the above will clear up any confusion existing as to the way coins and books are purchased. Only through a system such as this can we continue to offer coins and books to the members at a savings. After all, most of us can wait a couple of months for our coins, especially if we are saving money.